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Commerce

Import of foreign rice and paddy since July 1935.

* 454 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the quantities are of import of foreign rice and paddy into this province during each of the fortnights commencing from the second fortnight of July 1935; and

(*b*) what the amounts are of duty realized on each variety during each of the periods?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*b*) The Government have no information. The duty is twelve annas per maund on import of broken rice.

Provincial Finance

Details of expenditure of the grants received from the Government of India during 1934–35 and 1935–36.

* 455 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to place on the table of the House the orders of Government for the utilization of various grants received from the Government of India during 1934–35 and 1935–36?

A.—Copies [b] of the following Government Orders are placed on the table:—

G.O. No. 2091, Revenue, dated 4th September 1935.
G.O. No. 2760, L. & M., dated 11th June 1934.
G.O. No. 1436, L. & M., dated 10th April 1935.
G.O. No. 3311, L. & M., dated 15th August 1935.
G.O. No. 3325, L. & M., dated 16th August 1935.
G.O. No. 3737, L. & M., dated 14th September 1935.
G.O. No. 3938, L. & M., dated 26th September 1935.
G.O. No. 368, Development, dated 8th March 1935.
G.O. No. 720, Development, dated 16th May 1935.
G.O. No. 782 W., dated 27th March 1935.
G.O. No. 884 W., dated 5th April 1935.
G.O. No. 1770, P.H., dated 12th July 1935.
G.O. No. 1771, P.H., dated 12th July 1935.
G.O. No. 2297, P.H., dated 5th September 1935.
G.O. No. 2007, P.H., dated 1st August 1935.
G.O. No. 2583, P.H., dated 3rd October 1935.

Orders for the utilization of a sum of Rs. 1·35 lakhs out of the block grant of Rs. 14 lakhs for rural uplift schemes, though earmarked for specific purposes, have yet to be issued. The specific purposes for which the amount is intended are—

(i) Rs. 0·73 lakh for rural water-supply schemes;
(ii) Rs. 0.22 lakh for rural sanitation;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 671 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix V on pages 672–724 infra.

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(iii) Rs. 0·10 lakh for village communications; and
(iv) a fresh allotment of Rs. 0·30 lakh for rural broadcasting schemes.

Proposals relating to these items are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"In the Government Order published at page 34, viz., G.O. No. 1770, I find that the Bellary district has been included in item 5. I just want to know why Cuddapah which is proverbially malarial has been excepted from these operations?"

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—"The amount of money available is limited and so it is not possible to take up every district at once."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"From the statement appended to this question it is stated that there is a great disparity in the amount of grants given to various district boards, 5 or 6 lakhs in certain cases, because they have submitted estimates for construction of bridges and nothing in the case of others. May I know from the Hon. the Chief Minister whether the district boards which are not in a position to submit estimates for construction of bridges will receive grants for the improvement of roads other than first and second class roads?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The point is no funds are available for distribution to district boards for roads other than first and second class roads. As regards bridges, every year Government call for information from the district boards as to the number of detailed estimates ready and take them into consideration and money is allotted. If those district boards which have not got any money come forward with plans and estimates certainly their claims will be included in the programme for next year. But as there are no separate funds available for distribution for being spent on roads other than first and second class roads, I am not in a position to give any hope."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is it suggested that the grants given by the Government of India cannot be spent by this Government for improvement of roads other than first and second class roads?"

The Hon the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"They have not made any such suggestion."

Local Self-Government

Alleged insufficiency of time for the preparation of voters' lists relating to elections to district boards.

* 456 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) which are the district boards for which elections have to take place in the course of this year; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that sufficient time is not allowed for the preparation of the voters' lists as prescribed in the rules?

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